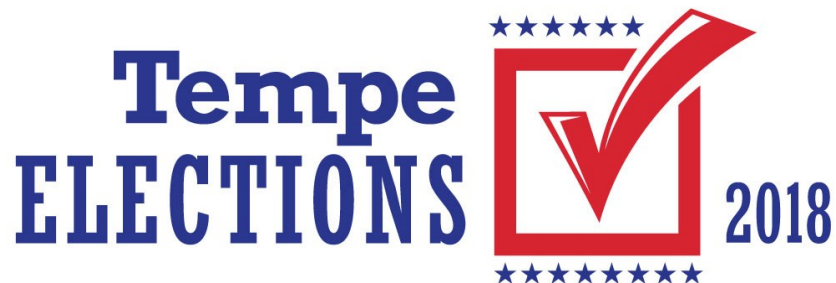


2018 Candidate Elections Frequently Asked Questions



What are the 2018 Candidate Election dates?

Primary Election - Tuesday, March 13, 2018*
General Election - Tuesday, May 15, 2018*

*Tempe City Charter Sec.. 7.01

(b) The primary election shall be held for the purpose of nominating or electing candidates for city elected office. In the event that no more than two candidates file nomination petitions for each vacancy in office, the primary election may be dispensed with.

(c) If no primary election is required due to the number of candidates filing nomination petitions for each vacancy in office, the regular city election shall be held at the time that the primary election would have otherwise been held.

What offices are to be filled?

Three (3) City Council seats.

When does the term of office begin?

The term commences at the first regular City Council meeting in July, 2018.

What is the salary for Councilmember?

Councilmember: \$29,154

What are the qualifications for Councilmember?

- 18 years of age or older at the time of filing nomination papers
- a qualified registered voter of the City of Tempe at the time of filing nomination papers
- a resident of the City of Tempe or an annexed area for at least two years immediately preceding the election

When will candidate information and forms be available?

Complete candidate packets will be made available in summer, 2017, online at www.tempe.gov/election, and in hardcopy upon request in the City Clerk's Office, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona. Individuals who have filed a Candidate Committee Statement of Organization for the 2018 election cycle will be notified by email once the complete candidate packets are available.

What is the first date that individuals can file candidate paperwork?

November 13, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the City Clerk's Office, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

What is the last date that individuals can file candidate paperwork?

December 13, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's Office, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

What candidate paperwork must be filed at the same time?

- Nomination Papers
- Nomination Petitions
- Financial Disclosure Statement

How many signatures are required on the nomination petitions?

At least 763 and not more than 1,524 signatures of qualified registered voters of the City of Tempe.

What are the deadlines for voter registration?

February 12, 2018 – last day to register to vote in the Primary Election.
April 16, 2018 – last day to register to vote in the General Election.

When does early voting begin?

February 14, 2018 – first day that early ballots are mailed for the Primary Election.
April 18, 2018 – first day that early ballots are mailed for the General Election.

Who conducts voter registration and early voting for City of Tempe elections?

Voter registration and early voting is conducted by the Maricopa County Elections Department. For further information, please contact the Maricopa County Elections Department at (602) 506-1511, TDD (602) 506-2348, or online at: <https://recorder.maricopa.gov/elections/>. Individuals can also register to vote or update existing registration online at www.servicearizona.com.

What is the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL)?

Registered voters may place their name on the Permanent Early Voting List or PEVL. An early ballot will automatically be mailed to voters on the PEVL approximately 27 days prior to the City's March and May elections. For further information, please contact the Maricopa County Elections Department at (602) 506-1511, TDD (602) 506-2348, or visit the website at: <https://recorder.maricopa.gov/elections/>.

Where can I find information on Candidate Committees and Campaign Finance?

- Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-901 et seq.
- Arizona Secretary of State Campaign Finance Handbook for Candidate Committees: https://www.azsos.gov/sites/azsos.gov/files/2017_campaign_finance_handbook_-_candidate_committees.pdf

What are the current campaign contribution limits?

On May 9, 2017, the Governor of Arizona signed the City's Charter amendment relating to candidate contribution limits (Proposition 485, approved by the voters in March 2016). **The City of Tempe's campaign contribution limits are now in effect**, as detailed in [Ordinance No. O2015.51](#) which became effective upon approval of the Charter Amendment. Candidates are advised to seek their own legal advice concerning limitations on and use of campaign contribution limits; the City Clerk's Office cannot render legal, financial or other professional advice.

What type of Candidate Committee/Campaign Finance forms do I need to file?

Below are special requirements for candidate committees that were in existence on November 8, 2016:

- 1) Committees cannot conduct any activity after November 8, 2016, except for winding down operations;
- 2) Committees shall be terminated on or before June 30, 2017.

Due to these requirements, candidate committees that existed on November 8, 2016 are required to close the committee by filing a Final Campaign Finance Report and a Termination Statement.

To register a new candidate committee, file a Statement of Organization within 10 days after qualifying as a candidate committee. A candidate qualifies as a Candidate Committee if the candidate receives contributions or makes expenditures, in any combination, of at least \$1,100 in connection with that candidacy.

Campaign finance reports must be filed in accordance with campaign finance laws as long as the candidate committee is active. All committees are subject to late filing penalties. Once a Committee Termination Statement is filed, campaign finance reports are no longer required to be filed.

What are the Campaign Finance Filing Deadlines and Reporting Periods for Candidate Committees?

2017 2nd Quarter Report

Filing deadline: July 15, 2017

Reporting Period: October 28, 2016 to June 30, 2017

2017 3rd Quarter Report

Filing deadline: October 15, 2017

Reporting period: July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017

2017 4th Quarter Report

Filing deadline: January 15, 2018

Reporting period: October 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

2018 March Pre-Election Report

Filing deadline: March 3, 2018

Reporting period: January 1, 2018 to February 24, 2018

2018 1st Quarter (Post-Election) Report

Filing deadline: April 15, 2018

Reporting period: February 25, 2018 to March 31, 2018

2018 May Pre-Election Report*

Filing deadline: May 5, 2018

Reporting period: April 1, 2018 to April 28, 2018

2018 2nd Quarter (Post-Election) Report*

Filing deadline: July 15, 2018

Reporting period: April 29, 2018 to June 30, 2018

*Dates may change depending on whether or not the May, 2018 election is held.

What if I miss a Campaign Finance filing deadline?

All committees are liable for a late penalty of \$10.00 for each day that a campaign finance report is filed late.

*This information is provided as a courtesy by the Tempe City Clerk's Office. It is intended to assist in meeting the requirements for candidacy; however, **it is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that all legal requirements have been met.** The City Clerk's Office cannot render legal, financial or other professional advice.*



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